

DATE: April 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Temporary Authorization of New Institutions under the Postsecondary Authorization Act

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Temporary Authorization

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and staff has determined that all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on March 13, 2008 and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of these institutions.

A. Drive Train Jackson, TN

Change of Ownership:

Drive Train is located at 119 E.L. Morgan Drive in Jackson, Tennessee. The institution is a Limited Liability Corporation that has been authorized by THEC since February, 1995.

The institution was sold to James D. Williams on January 1, 2008.

The school will offer one program which is already approved by THEC:

Program:	Tractor Trailer Training
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	150 contact hours (14 Days)

The school does not participate in Title IV funding programs.

B. International Academy of Design & Technology- Online Tampa, FL

International Academy of Design and Technology- Tampa is located at 5104 Eisenhower Blvd. in Tampa, FL. The institution is a limited liability corporation that is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

International Academy of Design and Technology- Tampa, FL is working in conjunction with International Academy of Design and Technology- Nashville to offer online general education courses for students’ working towards an Associate or Bachelor’s degree. All recruitment, enrollment, and student

services will be provided by International Academy of Design and Technology - Nashville.

The institution will offer two programs.

- 1. The Online General Education Courses for all Bachelor Degree Programs (Non-Credential)** are designed to provide students with general education courses through MyCampus online delivery. The courses include: English Composition, Speech, College Mathematics, Psychology, History, Ethics, Critical Thinking, Political Sociology and Science. These courses should provide students with communicative and technical skills for broad-based problem solving and human relations. These courses provide the necessary foundational coursework to complete a Bachelor's degree.

Program: **Online General Education Courses for all Bachelor Degree Programs**

Length of Program: **56 quarter credit hours (15 months)**

- 2. The Online General Education Courses for all Associate Degree Programs (Non-Credential)** is designed to provide students with general education courses through MyCampus online delivery. The courses include: English Composition, College Mathematics, Verbal Communication, Expository Writing, Environmental Science, Cultural Diversity, and Great Movies – Great Books. These courses should provide students with communicative and technical skills for broad-based problem solving and human relations. These courses provide the necessary foundational coursework to complete an Associate's degree.

Program: **Online General Education Courses for all Associate Degree Programs**

Length of Program: **28 quarter credit hours (6 months)**

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

C. Lab Four

Memphis, TN

Lab Four is located at 6555 Quince Road in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a sole proprietorship.

The institution will offer one program.

- 1. The Certificate of Completion in Low Voltage Cabling Technician Program** is designed to provide entry-level instruction, skills, and techniques that are necessary to become competent cabling installers. Students are taught how to conduct site surveys, pull wire and cable, and terminate and test copper cables. The curriculum includes: Industry Orientation, Plans and Specifications, Media and Connectors, Transmission Characteristics, Grounding, Bonding and Electrical Protection, Safety, Professionalism, Fire Stopping, and Cable Splicing.

Program: **Low Voltage Cabling Technician**

Credential Awarded: **Certificate of Completion**

Length of Program: **72 contact hours (3 months)**

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

D. L'Ecole Culinaire School

Cordova, TN

L'Ecole Culinaire Memphis is located at 1245 N. Germantown Parkway in Cordova, TN. The institution is a for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer two programs.

1. **The Culinary Essentials Diploma Program** is designed to prepare students to perform the tasks necessary for the successful utilization of line operation or a baking/pastry bench in a foodservice related industry. The curriculum includes coursework on: food ingredients, commercial kitchen equipment use, professionalism and professional dress, handling techniques, and food safety.

Program: Culinary Essentials
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 98 quarter credit hours (14 months)

2. **The Associate of Occupational Studies in Culinary Arts Program** is designed to prepare students to perform the tasks necessary for entry-level management in culinary applications for the food service industry. Students will develop their own culinary techniques through extensive lab exposure for excellence in food production, creativity, marketing, cost analysis, sanitation and nutrition.

Program: Culinary Arts
Credential: Associate of Occupational Studies
Length of Program: 144 quarter credit hours (21 months)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

E. Southeastern School of Neuromuscular Massage

Nashville, TN

Southeastern School of Neuromuscular Massage is located at 3055 Lebanon Pike, Suite 300, Building 1 in Nashville, Tennessee. The institution is a for profit corporation that is accredited by Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT).

The institution will offer one program:

1. **The Certificate of Completion in Professional Clinical Massage Therapy Program** teaches students the following: proper use and application of basic and neuromuscular therapeutic massage techniques, treatment of soft tissue pain, postural distortions and degenerative process of the body. Additionally, students will learn massage law, anatomy and physiology, proper client communication skills, and clinical evaluation and treatment skills. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Body Work (NCBTMB) examination.

Program: Professional Clinical Massage Therapy
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 750 contact hours (16 months)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

F. University of Northwestern Ohio

Lima, Ohio

University of Northwestern Ohio is located at 1441 North Cable Road in Lima, Ohio. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA).

The institution will offer sixteen programs:

Program: Agricultural Equipment Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 106 semester credit hours (23 months)

Program: Automotive Diesel Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 136 semester credit hours (30 months)

Program: Automotive High Performance Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 148 semester credit hours (33 months)

Program: Automotive Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 100 semester credit hours (21 months)

Program: Diesel Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 88 semester credit hours (18 months)

Program: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 106 semester credit hours (23 months)

Program: High Performance Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 136 semester credit hours (30 months)

Program: Agricultural Equipment Technician
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 79 semester credit hours (18 months)

Program: Alternative Fuels Technician – Automotive
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 85 semester credit hours (20 months)

Program: Alternative Fuels Technician – Diesel
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 85 semester credit hours (20 months)

Program:	Automotive Diesel Technician
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	109 semester credit hours (26 months)
Program:	Automotive High Performance Technician
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	121 semester credit hours (29 months)
Program:	Automotive Technician
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	73 semester credit hours (17 months)
Program:	Diesel Technician
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	79 semester credit hours (18 months)
Program:	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	61 semester credit hours (14 months)
Program:	High Performance Technician
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	109 semester credit hours (26 months)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

G. West Tennessee CDL Training, LLC Lexington, TN

West Tennessee CDL Training, LLC is located at 42 Ross Street in Lexington, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit partnership.

The institution will offer one program:

- 1. The CDL Training Certificate of Completion Program** will instruct students on how to drive a tractor trailer which includes: how to operate the air brakes, coupling and uncoupling, pre-trip and post trip inspections, and proper completion of the log. Additionally, students will be properly trained on the paperwork and rules of transporting Hazardous material.

Program:	CDL Training
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	154 contact hours (3 weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.